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pied land on the north of the Kallada river. The Chief Engineer has therefore been asked to survey the new line, if he had not gone too far with the survey of the Avanceswaram—Kalayapuram road. In any case, the road from Kunnikode to Anchal should be done, before any other road is attempted in the taluk.

82. The means of communication in the Shertallai taluk.

*Mr. Kumaran Kochu Padmanabha Pillai* (Member, Shertallai taluk) said that the construction of a canal sanctioned for the Shertallai taluk was not yet begun. He understood that there was a proposal to substitute a road from Shertallai to Alleppey for the said canal. On being informed by the Dewan that a canal and not a road was to be constructed, he requested that a few existing canals such as the Madayan thodu, Mannancherry thodu, Mulpiri thodu and Kalla thodu, connecting the proposed canal with the Vembanad lake, be deepened in the interests of agriculture and traffic, and also that the village road from Thanneermukkam to Alleppey be converted into a cart road. Replying to the Dewan, the Member said that the people of the taluk had been asking for the road from the very beginning and they would prefer it to a canal if they had the choice.

*Mr. Devan Krishnan Karthavu* (Member, Shertallai taluk) said that the canal now sanctioned would not benefit the northern *pakuthies* of the Shertallai taluk. He requested therefore that the existing road from the Shertallai Cutcherry landing to Thanneermukkam through the market be improved and made cartable and that a new road from Shertallai to Arur be also constructed. In reply to the query from the Dewan, the Member said that he would prefer a road from Shertallai to Alleppey to the proposed canal.

Both the Members entreated the Dewan to visit the taluk at the earliest opportunity and see for himself the real difficulties of the people for want of easy communications and they trusted that, if only he did so, the taluk was sure to be improved in the matter of communications in the nearest future.

*Dewan's reply.*—The canal already sanctioned will be done and the work will be begun this year. The canal is intended not only as a means of communication but also to help the cultivation of the cocoanut gardens in the taluk. An estimate of five and odd lakhs of rupees has been sanctioned for the canal and a sum of Rs. 20,000 has been provided for the work in the budget for 1088.

83. The need for repairing and maintaining certain village roads and bridges in the Vaikom taluk.

*Mr. P. C. Krishna Pillai* (Member, Vaikom taluk) said that certain portions of the existing village roads from Thalayolaparampu to Piravam would be under water during the rainy season. There was much traffic on the line owing to the existence of important markets at Thalayolaparampu and Piravam. During the rainy season, the people going to Moovattupuzha had to go by the Ettumanur road, which was circuitous. He therefore prayed that the village road should be made cartable.

He also said that the condition of the existing village road from Vetchur to Vaikom was similar to the abovesaid village road. There was a bridge on the way, which was on

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